Production of Foodgrains and Pulses in the Coutry

*422. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total production of foodgrains and pulses in the country during 1989-90 and what was the target fixed in respect of each;

(b) whether the country is self-sufficient in foodgrains/pulses at present; if not, what steps Government have taken to increase the production thereof during 1990-91; and

(c) whether cultivation in the drylands has also been undertaken by Government; if so, what percentage of the net cropped area in the country is under dryland farming at present, specially in Rajasthan and Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) The final estimates of production of foodgrain crops for the year 1989-90 are yet to be received from some of the States. However, as per the present assessment, the total production of foodgrains and pulses in the country is estimated to be 172.7 million tonnes and 13.4 million tonnes respectively. The Seventh Plan target of production of foodgrains and pulses are 175 million tonnes and 14.75 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The country is self-sufficient in foodgrains. However, the production of pulses is short of the requirement. However, in order to give a fillip to the production of foodgrains and pulses, several development scheme as listed below have been taken by the Central Government during 1990-91 :—

(i) Integrated Programme on Rice Development.

(ii) Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Wheat, Maize & Millets and Pulses.

(iii) Minikit Programme of Rice, Wheat, Maize and Millets.

(iv) National Pulses Development Programme.

(c) Increasing the production and productivity of foodgrains under dryland farming constitutes an important part of overall agricultural development.

On the basis of latest land use statistics, the net unirrigated area to net sown area in the country is 69.3% and in Rajasthan and Orissa, it is 77.8% and 73.3% respectively.

Change in Lal Dora Area of Delhi

*425. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to extend the Lal Dora area limit in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has identified 82 villages, as per statement laid on the Table of the Sabha, for consolidation of holdings, which would result in extension of Abadi Deh area, popularly known as Lal Dora. (*See* below).

STATEMENT

Sl. No. & Name of the village
1. Akbarpur Maja
2. Alipur
3. Bakkarwala
4. Bamnoli
5. Bhorgarh
6. Budhpur-Bijapur
7. Chatesar
8. Gadaipur
9. Harevli
10. Hiranki
11. Hiran Kudna
12. Ibrahimpur
13. Jhangola
14. Kanjhawla
15. Kirari Suleman Nagar
16. Ladpur